



## CU CONFERENCE SERVICES

# Carbon Offsets for Housing Guests and Conference Attendees

### WHY

To help conference organizers who are committed to making their conference or meeting a sustainable event, CU Conference Services has partnered with the Environmental Center to allow conference attendees to purchase carbon offset credits for their travel to/from Boulder.

The purchase of carbon offsets represents a reduction in emissions from a specific energy project to offset those created by air/auto travel to attend the conference. These carbon emission reduction projects would not be possible without the financial resources that your purchase provides.

### WHAT

The current carbon offsets go to an innovative **methane recovery project with the Southern Ute Tribe here in Colorado through Native Energy**. Methane seeping from natural coal seams is captured and injected into the natural gas distribution grid to be used for thermal energy or power generation. This project is unconventional in that it is capturing the methane gas without mining the coal. Greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced by 23,000 to 60,000 metric tons (Verified Carbon Standard [VCS]) annually by capturing the methane that would otherwise escape into the atmosphere from these coal seams.

### HOW

Conference registration and housing websites offer these options:

- Carbon offset (air/auto travel within the U.S.) \$4.00
  - Carbon offset (air travel from Canada or Central America) \$6.00
- Carbon offset (air travel from South America) \$12.00
- Carbon offset (air travel from U.K., Europe or Africa) \$20.00
- Carbon offset (air travel from Australia or Asia) \$30.00

**IMPACT: 68 people from 12 programs purchased offsets in 2021 and 2022 and contributed to a total offset of over 258 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, equivalent to:**



4,266

Tree seedlings  
grown for 10 years

or



33

Homes' electricity  
use for one year

or



661,396

Miles driven by an average  
passenger vehicle

or



31,383,803

Number of smart  
phones charged

### INQUIRIES

For general information or questions about the Green Meeting Checklist, Sustainable Conferences, CU Sustainability, or CU Conference Services, email: [conferences@colorado.edu](mailto:conferences@colorado.edu)

If you are interested in CU Boulder for your meeting location, please submit your inquiry at:  
[colorado.edu/conferenceservices/content/inquiry-form](https://colorado.edu/conferenceservices/content/inquiry-form)

